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Kid's Fishing Day!

Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel, MD is excited to announce that it will be hosting a Kid's Fishing Day at the National Wildlife Visitor Center on Saturday, June 10, 2006 from 9am to 1pm. The Visitor Center is located off of Powder Mill Road between Rt. 197 and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

During the event, children ages 16 and under will have the opportunity to learn about fishing techniques and safety and participate in fishing activities, such as casting and fish handling, before they go fishing.

The refuge will supply all fishing poles and bait for the children to use. No personal fishing gear will be needed or allowed during this event. After checking in at the Visitor Center and participating in pre-fishing activities, youth will be allowed to fish in one of two nearby lakes.

After the event, participants may go to the North Tract section of the refuge to fish with personal equipment.

Seasonal fishing will open for the public at Cash Lake on Sunday, June 11, and will continue through mid-October. The Cash Lake site (located off of Rt. 197 between Bowie and Laurel) has a fully accessible pier and has restroom facilities. Anglers may also fish at the Refuge's North Tract entrance (off of Rt. 198). All anglers over 16 years of age must have a current Maryland non-tidal fishing license and a seasonal fishing permit issued by the Refuge. Permits should be available by June 1st at the National Wildlife Visitor Center (10:00am – 5:00pm daily). Permits are currently available at the Patuxent North Tract Contact Station (8:00am – 3:30pm daily).

For more information about fishing or about Kid's Fishing Day, visit <http://patuxent.fws.gov> or call the Visitor Center (301/497-5763) or North Tract Contact Station (301/776-3090). Persons with special needs for Kid's Fishing Day should contact the Refuge to request accommodations at least two weeks prior to the Kid's Fishing Day event. For information about other fishing activities, visit www.takemefishing.org.

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